Application No.: 09/986,975

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A washing apparatus comprising:

(a) a driving side base (7) having a rotary drive unit (8) and a speed reducer (14);

(b) a washing tank (1) having a stirring blade (2) which comprises a disk rotatably disposed on a shaft of the rotary drive unit inside the washing tank, said disk having protrusions extending only upwardly therefrom; and

(c) a connection structure for detachably coupling the driving side base and the washing tank, wherein the speed reducer is installed in the driving side base and is also disposed between the rotary drive unit in the driving side base and a rotatable transfer joint connected to the rotary drive unit, said speed reducer being configured to reduce the rotating speed of the rotary drive unit and transmitting the reduced rotating speed to the rotatable transfer joint, [[and]]

wherein a rotational drive of the rotary drive unit is able to transmit to the stirring blade when the washing tank is mounted on top of the driving side base, and

the washing tank includes a cover having a hole for draining wash water in the washing tank.

2. (Currently amended) A washing apparatus comprising:

(a) a driving side base (7) having a rotary drive unit (8) and a second transfer joint (10), the second transfer joint being connected to the rotary drive unit and able to rotate, wherein the driving side base further comprises a speed reducer (14) installed between the rotary drive unit and the second transfer joint, said speed reducer being configured to reduce the rotating speed of the rotary drive unit and transmitting the reduced rotating speed to the second transfer joint; and

(b) a washing tank (1) for storing the laundry,

where the washing tank includes:

an opening formed at the upper portion of the washing tank;

a rotatable shaft (5) piercing through the bottom of the washing tank;

a rotatable stirring blade (2) which comprises a disk which is disposed on the shaft inside the washing tank, said disk having protrusions extending only upwardly therefrom; and

a first transfer joint (6) disposed on the shaft, outside the bottom of the washing tank, and serves to transfer a rotational drive to the stirring blade,

wherein the washing tank is detachably mounted on top of the driving side base and also separated from top of the driving side base; [[and]]

when the washing tank is mounted on top of the driving side base, the first transfer joint and the second transfer joint come to engage each other such that the stirring blade rotates when the rotary drive unit is operated, and

the washing tank includes a cover having a hole for draining wash water in the washing tank.

3. (Previously presented) The washing apparatus of claim 2, wherein the stirring blade is fitted to an upper end of the shaft;

the first transfer joint is connected to a lower end of the shaft; and

when the washing tank is mounted on the driving side base and the rotary drive unit is operated, the rotational drive of the rotary drive unit is transferred to the stirring blade via the second transfer joint and the first transfer joint, thereby the stirring blade is rotated.